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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Advisory Action, dated October 2, 2002, for the above-identified patent application.

In The Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 14, 15, 19, 23, and 24 as follows (Clean copy):

1. A process for a simplified access control language that controls access to directory entries in a computer environment, comprising the steps of:

providing a user defined access control command attribute read list containing user identifications that are allowed to read a specified set of Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) attributes;

providing a system administrator defined read access control command;

wherein said read access control command resides in a directory containing said LDAP attributes;